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SUBJ: TALKS WITH PRESIDENT'S CHEFE DA GABINETE

1. COL. FERREIRA DA CUNHA, PRES COSTA GOMES' CHIEF OF CABINET, WHOM I HAD MET IN WASHINGTON, INVITED ME TO LUNCH YESTERDAY AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT COSTA GOMES WISHED USE THIS CHANNEL TO MAKE SOME POINTS, OTHERS OF WHICH WILL BE MADE SEPTEL.

2. HE EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN SECRETARY'S MOSCOW VISIT AND SEEMS TO BELIEVE THAT SECRETARY HAD TALKED ABOUT PORTUGAL WITH SOVIETS. IN RATHER BIZARRE OFFER, CUNHA SAID HE WOULD GIVE ME FULL DETAILS OF PCP CHIEF CUNHAL'S VISIT TO MOSCOW IF I COULD LET HIM KNOW WHAT TRANSPIRED IN MOSCOW DURING SECY'S VISIT OF RELEVANCE TO PORTUGAL. I TOLD HIM I THOUGHT IT WAS UNLIKELY SECY WOULD HAVE DISCUSSED PORTUGAL WITH SOVIETS BUT AGREED TO ASK ANYWAY. CUNHA HAS INVITED ME TO DINNER WEDNESDAY NIGHT SO ANY GUIDANCE WOULD BE HELPFUL. HE DID INDICATE THAT USSR HAS AGREED TO BUY PORTUGUESE WINE, SHOES AND CLOTHING BUT SAID THERE WAS NO CONTRE-PARTIE. HE IS ALSO PUTTING ME IN TOUCH WITH ACTING MININFO CDR. SILVA, ONE OF MFA LEADERS WHO ACCOMPANIED CUNHAL TO MOSCOW.

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3. OUR TEAM WILL BE SEEING SOARES, PROBABLY ON THURSDAY. IS

THERE ANY CHANGE IN GUIDANCE AS RESULT SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH
HIM IN TUNIS OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO TAKE UP?
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